WORKSHOP ON WOMEN'S ONLINE SAFETY

Army Institute of Management & Technology, Greater Noida conducted a two hours workshop on Women's Online Safety on 24th Feb 2020 for a gathering of 150, including girl students and ladies faculty of the host Institution and Army Institute of Education.

We were privileged to have with us Mr. Rakshit Tandon, Director Executive Council - Council of Information Security, Consultant – Internet and Mobile Association of India, Chairman- National Outreach Program on Child Abuse with National Cyber Safety & Security Standards (NCSSS).

The purpose of this workshop was to make women aware about the measure that could be taken to prevent from any mishap happening on cyber platforms. The session was conducted by IAMAI and Facebook where the focus was to get the gathering informed about the various women online safety initiatives that have been started from 2008 by IAMAI.

The two hour session started from 11.30 a.m. to 13.30 p.m. where Mr. Rakshit Tandon addressed major issues faced by women online are, Cyber Stalking, Impersonation with Fake Accounts, Blackmailing with Personal Chats or Personal Content, Revenge Porn, Mobile Hacking and Installing Spyware on Cell phones. He also talked about various fake sites that are involved in the cybercrimes like Quick Support, Any Desk, etc. and how they tend to easily fool the people resulting in loss of huge amount of money and information. He also spoke about the various steps that should be followed in the Gmail account, WhatsApp, Facebook or Instagram that should be kept in mind to ensure a woman's privacy and security. For example- he explained how a hacker can get access to your personal data once he gets your Gmail id and password. To prevent any such incident, he suggested to follow the 2- step verification process that can easily be done in the settings of the Gmail account.

He also talked about various online transaction crimes that have happened in the recent times and looking into the same, he came up with very fruitful suggestions to prevent from such crimes.

After a humorous and interactive session, he suggested the young women not to worry in case if someone is bugging you. He told to report in any such cybercrime

to the government site i.e. www.cybercrime.gov.in where an instant action would be taken within 24 hours. The best part was that a woman does not have to worry about her identity and can anonymously report a case on the same platform.

The session was indeed very helpful and informative and builds up the confidence amongst the women to stop fearing and start standing up against online crimes.